THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Demurrage Charge is levied at prescribed rate for the detention of Railway's wagon(s) beyond permissible free time for loading/unloading of wagon(s). The detailed guidelines are contained in Rates Circular No.74 of 2005, as amended from time to time. These guidelines are uniformly applicable over all Indian Railways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Status of new railway track between Dindigul to Sabarimala

3375. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of proposal to lay new railway track between Dindigul to Sabarimala in Kerala which is a pilgrimage center *via* commercial town like Batlagundu, Theni, Cambam, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will initiate early steps to implement the 1st phase of the proposal within a time-frame; and

(d) the details of pending projects in Tamil Nadu and reasons for the delay of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) A survey for Dindigul-Sabarimala new line *via* Vattalkundu, Theni & Kambam was conducted during 1997-98. Survey report has been examined and it was decided not to take up this project.

(d) Details of pending projects in Tamil Nadu and reasons for delay of such projects are as under:-

Sl.No.	Ongoing Project	Status and target date for completion, wherever fixed
1	2	3
New line		
1.	Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai (70 Km)	State Government is yet to hand over required land. Work on 04 major bridges has been taken up wherever land is available.
2.	Tindivanam-Nagari (179.2 Km)	State Government is yet to hand over required land. Work on major bridge across Palar river taken up. Tenders for earthwork, minor bridges and road bridges awarded.

1	2	3
3.	Attipattu-Puttur (88.30 Km)	Work entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) for execution. Final location survey completed.
4.	Erode-Palani (91.05 Km)	Final location survey taken up.
5.	Chennai-Cuddalore *via* Mahabalipuram (179.28 Km)	Final location survey taken up.
6.	Karur-Salem (85 Km)	Earthwork, bridges, etc. taken up.
7.	Bangalore-Satyamangalam (260 Km)	Tamil Nadu Forest Department has not granted permission to carry survey through Reserve Forest Area. Central Empowered Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court has also not recommended this project as it will cause damage to Elephant Wild Life Sanctuary. State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been requested for their views on dropping of this project.
Gauge conversion		
1.	Villupuram-Katpadi (161 Km)	Katpadi-Vellore (10 Km) section completed. Vellore-Villupuram (151 Km) is targeted for 2009-10 which is nearing completion.
2.	Manamadurai-Virudhunagar (66.5 Km)	Earthwork, bridgeworks, etc. taken up.
3.	Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat & Podanur-Coimbatore (224.88 Km)	Work on Podanur-Coimbatore (6 Km) section has been completed and work on Pollachi-Palghat (58 Km) & Dindigul-Pollachi (141 Km) sections have also been taken up.
4.	Mayiladuturai-Tiruvarur-Karaikudi & Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampalli (224 Km)	Earthwork, bridges, in Mayiladuturai-Tiruvarur section have been taken up. Final Location survey for Tiruvarur-Karaikudi section (149 Km) has been taken up.
5.	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur (90.41 Km)	Tenders for some bridges and Final Location Survey have been processed.
6.	Tiruchchirappalli-Nagore-Karaikal (200 Km) with extension of Nagapattinam-Velankanni-Tiruturaipundi *via* Tirukuvalai (43 Km)	Tiruchchirappalli-Thanjavur-Tiruvarur-Nagore section has already been commissioned. Nagapattinam-Velankanni new line is targeted for completion during 2009-10. Work on Nagore-Karaikal and Nagapattinam-Tiruturaipundi new line sections have also been taken up.

1	2	3
7.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 Km)	Virudhunagar-Tenkasi-Sengottai (131 Km) and Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur (61 Km) sections have been commissioned. Work on Quilon-Punalur (45 Km) section is targeted for completion during 2009-10. Work on balance portion also taken up.
8.	Thanjavur-Villupuram (192 Km)	Completed. Section is awaiting inspection of Commissioner of Railway Safety.
Doubling		
1.	Chennai Beach-Korukkupet 3rd line (4.1 Km)	The work involves exchange of railway land at Royapuram with Chennai Port Trust and the same has been processed.
2.	Chennai Beach-Attipattu 4th line (22.1 Km)	The work involves exchange of railway land at Royapuram with Chennai Port Trust and the same has been processed.
3.	Chengalpattu-Villupuram (103 Km)	Earthwork, bridge works and ballast collection have been taken up.
4.	Villupuram-Dindigul with electrification (273 Km)	This work has been transferred to RVNL for execution. Final location survey has been taken up.
5.	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam 4th line (26.83 Km)	This work has been transferred to RVNL for execution. Final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition papers have been processed.
6.	Attipattu-Korukkupettai 3rd line (18 Km)	Korukkupet-Ennore (12 Km) section has already been commissioned. Work on Ennore-Attipattu (6Km) has also been taken up and this work is likely to be completed during 2009-10.

Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects. Due to limited availability of resources, the projects take long time for completion. The targets for projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on the availability of resources and progress achieved and many of the projects get completed in phases.

Setting up of factories for manufacturing of high capacity freight bogies

3376. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: